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SUBJ: KRAFT MEETING WITH AMIR OF QATAR

1. COLUMNIST JOSEPH KRAFT MET WITH SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, AMIR OF QATAR, ON APRIL 10. KRAFT SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED US WITH WHAT HE CONSIDERED MOST INTERESTING POINTS MADE BY AMIR DURING DISCUSSION:

(A) PRO-RATIONING PRODUCTION AMONG OIL PRODUCERS A CERTAINTY;

(B) U.S. THREATS TO INTERVENE IN OIL PRODUCING STATES NOT RPT NOT REAL. (EMBASSY COMMENT: AMIR THOUGHT THREATS WERE REAL ENOUGH TO USE THEM AS REASON FOR REFUSING U.S. NAVAL SHIP VISIT AND HE RAILED AGAINST THEM AT SOME LENGTH IN HIS TALK

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WITH SENATOR PERCY IN JANUARY. HE HAS ALSO CRITICIZED ALLEGED

THREATS TO ME, TO OTHER DIPLOMATS HERE AND TO SOME FOREIGN VISITORS.)

(C) OIL SITUATION A LA ABU DHABI CAN NOT RPT NOT HAPPEN HERE, SINCE PRODUCTION REDUCED "NINE MONTHS AGO". (EMBASSY COMMENT: AMIR APPARENTLY REFERRING TO PRODUCTION CEILING SET BY GOQ FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES AFTER LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO. HOWEVER, QATARI PRODUCTION HAS SUBSTANTIALLY DROPPED DURING PAST THREE MONTHS AS RESULT OF MARKET SURPLUS AND HIGH PRICE OF QATARI CRUDE (DOHA 425). AT SAME TIME, IT DOES APPEAR THAT PRODUCTION CUT NOT RPT NOT REALLY HURTING GOQ FINANCIALLY, ALTHOUGH SOME OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REVENUE LOSS.)

(D) ENERGY CRISIS COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE AND MUST BE DEALT WITH WITHIN CONTEXT OF CREATION OF "NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER". (EMBASSY COMMENT: AMIR'S REMARKS NOTWITHSTANDING, GOQ PARTICIPATED IN OIL EMBARGO AND AMIR HAS REPEATEDLY INDICATED THAT ARABS MAY USE OIL WEAPON AGAIN IF SETTLEMENT OF MID EAST DISPUTE SO REQUIRES.)

2. COMMENT: KRAFT TOLD US THAT HE IS GATHERING MATERIAL FOR A "LETTER FROM THE GULF", WHICH HE IS PREPARING FOR "NEW YORKER" MAGAZINE. KRAFT SEEMED SATISFIED WITH HIS VISIT TO DOHA SINCE HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED HIS PRIMARY MISSION OF MEETING WITH AMIR. WE PUT IN ANOTHER PLUG FOR KRAFT WITH MINISTER OF INFORMATION, AND THIS MAY HAVE BEEN HELPFUL. IN ANY CASE, KRAFT WAS APPRECIATIVE, AND OUR CONTACTS WITH HIM WERE PLEASANT AND RELAXED, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAD SOME HARSH WORDS FOR DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION WHO WAS LATE MEETING HIM AT AIRPORT. INFO DIRECTOR LATER TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE AND KRAFT WERE "ALMOST GETTING TO BE FRIENDS". KRAFT TOLD US THAT NEA/ARP DIRECTOR DICKMAN HAD STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT HE TRY FOR APPOINTMENT WITH AMIR--IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL FOR US TO HAVE KNOWN THIS EARLIER IN THE GAME.

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